

# SENATE BILL No. 512

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-8.1-5.1-14.5.

**Synopsis:** Counseling for certain students. Provides that a student who would otherwise be expelled for the possession of a firearm, deadly weapon, or controlled substance may participate in a counseling program for the student and the student's parents. Provides that the counseling program may be provided by a religious organization. Provides that if the student participates in a program, the student may be suspended for not more than ten school days for the action for which the student would otherwise have been expelled.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

**Howard**

January 22, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 20-8.1-5.1-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 14.5. (a) As used in this section,**  
4 **"program" refers to a counseling program described in subsection**  
5 **(c).**

6       **(b) This section applies to a student who would otherwise be**  
7 **expelled for the possession of:**

8           **(1) a firearm or deadly weapon under section 10 of this**  
9 **chapter; or**

10          **(2) a controlled substance (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9) under**  
11 **a policy adopted by the governing body of a school**  
12 **corporation.**

13       **(c) The parents of a student to whom this section applies may**  
14 **request the student's principal to allow the student to participate**  
15 **in a counseling program instead of being expelled. A program:**

16           **(1) must require the student and the student's parents to**  
17 **participate in individual and joint counseling sessions with a**



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1       social worker;

2       (2) must provide for joint counseling sessions with the social  
3       worker for the student, the student's parents, and the  
4       student's principal or the principal's representative; and

5       (3) may be provided by a religious organization.

6       (d) Notwithstanding section 10 or 14 of this chapter, a student  
7       who participates in a program may not be suspended for a period  
8       of more than ten (10) school days for the action for which the  
9       student would otherwise have been expelled.

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